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FM COGARD MSU BATON ROUGE LA
TO COMCOGARDGRU LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER MEMPHIS TN
COMCOGARDGRU NEW ORLEANS LA
INFO CCGDEIGHT NEW ORLEANS LA//M/O/OAN//
COGARD MSO MEMPHIS TN
COGARD MSO MORGAN CITY LA
COGARD ANT NEW ORLEANS LA
COGARD MSO NEW ORLEANS LA
CDRUSAED NEW ORLEANS LA//CEMVN-OD-T//
COGARD ANT COLFAX LA
USCGC KICKAPOO
USCGC GREENBRIER
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1. QUOTE: THE BATON ROUGE GAUGE IS NOW READING OVER 35 FEET AND IS EXPECTED TO RISE ABOVE 39 FEET. THE COTP NEW ORLEANS HAS ESTABLISHED A SAFETY ZONE ON THE LMR FROM MILE 223 TO MILE 241 AHOP AND IS IN EFFECT UNTIL 1800 LOCAL FEBRUARY 15, 2005 UNLESS CANCELLED EARLIER BY THE COTP. ALL VESSELS DESIRING TO ENTER INTO OR MOVE WITHIN THIS ZONE MUST CONTACT THE BATON ROUGE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER ON VHF-FM CHANNEL 67 OR BY TELEPHONE AT 225-387-1181 OR 0359. SOUTHBOUND VESSELS MUST REQUEST PERMISSION FROM THE BATON

ROUGE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER TO ENTER INTO THE SAFETY ZONE NO LOWER THAN MILE 241, IN VIC OF THOMAS POINT LIGHT. NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC MUST REQUEST PERMISSION FROM THE BATON ROUGE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER TO ENTER INTO THIS SAFETY ZONE NO HIGHER THAN MILE 223, IN THE VIC OF MISSOURI BEND. THE BATON ROUGE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WHEN MAKING A DETERMINATION TO APPROVE OR DENY A VESSEL'S REQUEST TO ENTER INTO THE SAFETY ZONE:

2. FOR CANAL TOWING VESSELS:

A. THE USE OF A TOW ASSIST VSL WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING THE PORT ALLEN LOCK.

B. NOT ALLOWING VESSELS TO REMAIN IN THE PORT ALLEN LOCK FOREBAY WHICH EXTENDS FROM MILE 228 AT THE CARGO CARRIER OFFICE TO MILE 229 AT THE CARGILL GRAIN ELEVATOR.

C. A MINIMUM TONNAGE TO HORSEPOWER RATIO OF ONE BRAKE HORSE POWER PER FIVE DEAD WEIGHT TONS OF CARGO.

3. FOR LINE TOWING VESSELS ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER:

A. A MAXIMUM TOW SIZE OF 30 BARGES OR LESS WITH A MINIMUM OF 280 BRAKE HORSEPOWER PER BARGE.

B. TOW CONFIGURATION SQUARED OFF OR IF SPIKED, THE SPIKED BARGE DOES NOT EXTEND MORE THAN 50 FEET BEYOND THE HEAD OF THE TOW.

C. THE ABILITY OF NORTHBOUND VESSELS PASSING UNDER THE HWY 190 BRIDGE AND AROUND WILKINSON POINT TO BE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST THREE MILES PER HOUR HEADWAY WITHOUT THE USE AN ASSIST VESSEL WHEN

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D. THE ABILITY OF SOUTHBOUND VESSELS TRANSITING WILKINSON POINT TO DO SO SAFELY ONLY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS BETWEEN 0600 AND 1800.

E. THE INABILITY OF VESSELS TO SAFELY MEET OR PASS BETWEEN MILES 232 AND 237 TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION EXISTING RIVER CONDITIONS.

4. FOR DEEP DRAFT VESSELS:

A. THE INABILITY TO SAFELY ANCHOR NORTH OF MILE 226 TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION EXISTING RIVER CONDITIONS AND TRAFFIC MANEUVERING LIMITATIONS DO TO HIGH WATER.

5. QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TERMS OF THIS SAFETY ZONE MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BATON ROUGE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER AT 225-387-1181, 225-387-0359 OR VHF-FM CHANNEL 67.

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